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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 93

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Barnette "Barney"
Mildred Evans Mills of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn that Barnette "Barney" Mildred Evans Mills died on the 16th of November, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Barnette Mills was an exemplary Tennessean and a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her own family, as well as her fellow citizens, in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in 1918, and married to George Allen Mills in 1934, Barnette Evans Mills moved with her family to Oak Ridge in 1946; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed her family immensely and was very active in her children's scout, church, and school affairs; and

WHEREAS, Barnette Mills was the first Oak Ridge Mother of the Year in 1955, and she was the Tennessee Mother of the Year in 1968; and

WHEREAS, she was active in the Oak Ridge Chapter of Business and Professional Women, the Oak Ridge Boat Club, and the East Tennessee Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mills served with acumen and alacrity as a nurse's aid at Oak Ridge Hospital and then a secretary and medical assistant for Earl Eversole, M.D., in which positions

she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work, and she worked at Oak Ridge Adjustment Company, from which she retired at age 72; and

WHEREAS, after retirement, Mrs. Mills enjoyed traveling and spending time with her constantly growing family; and

WHEREAS, Barnette Mills was an active and devout charter member of Central Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years as a Sunday school teacher, choir member, and committees participant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mills was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mills enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, George Allen Mills, Sr., and was the proud parent of Joe Mills, Charles Mills, and Kathryn Mills Horne, and she was a loving mother-in-law to Joe's wife Judy, Charles' wife Doris, and Kathryn's husband Andy; and

WHEREAS, she will be greatly missed by her fourteen grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and three sisters, Melba Elliott, Nancy Moneyhun, and Ruby Kelly; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Sarah Lou Mills, a son, George Allen Mills, Jr., and a brother, James Elliott; and

WHEREAS, Barnette Mills leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional wife, mother, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Barnette "Barney" Mildred Evans Mills, reflecting

fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Barnette Mills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.